

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Contract

City of Long Lake,

Court File No. 27-CV-23-9758

Plaintiff,

The Hon. Laurie J. Miller

vs.

City of Orono,

Defendant.

DECLARATION OF ADAM EDWARDS

I, **ADAM EDWARDS**, declare under penalty of perjury per Minn. Stat. § 358.116 that the following is true and correct:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.
2. I am the City Administrator/Engineer for the City of Orono.
3. Since Long Lake has not agreed to any transition of the use of Fire Station 2 prior to the end of the current Contract for Fire Protection, the City of Orono has started making other arrangements to house Orono fire equipment and personnel. The City has engaged an architect to design a building on the City of Orono owned land where Fire Station 2 is located that can be constructed and operated without hindering or interfering with Long Lake's ability to respond to calls for service out of Fire Station 2.

4. Orono has walked the property with an architect, and the preliminary plans are to build a two-bay addition on the north side of the existing Fire Station 2. The addition would be immediately adjoining Fire Station 2 with an independent exterior wall that could connect to the existing Fire Station 2 once the Contract for Fire Protection has ended. The structure would be used as Orono's base of operations to respond to calls to service the Navarre area of Orono beginning July 1, 2024.

5. In my professional opinion, it is entirely feasible to build a structure adjacent to Fire Station 2 in a manner that will not hinder or interfere with LLFD's ability to respond to calls for service out of Fire Station 2. Orono will work with the architect and contractor to ensure the LLFD will not be hindered from providing services to our community during the construction. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring LLFD has full access and control over Fire Station 2 and ensuring streets are not blocked during construction.

6. Since the construction of Station 2, the City of Orono has been responsible for all of the landscaping and snow removal for the property Fire Station 2 is located on. The maintenance and snow removal was, and is, paid for with Orono City funds. Further, the City intends to continue to provide these vital services to the station as timely removal of snow and ice is critical to the readiness of the facility to serve the community.

Dated: October 25, 2023

Adam Edwards

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